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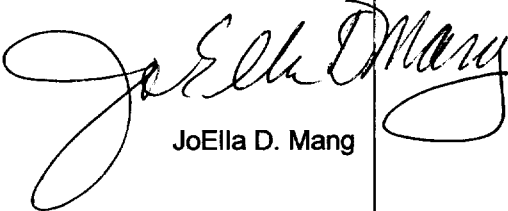
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Lyle D. Jaffe  
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Dear Lyle D. Jaffe,

I am writing to you today in regards to an article that I have just read in my latest copy of PETA's Animal Times. In this article it speaks of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that forces molting of layer hens. PETA's researchers uncovered hundreds of thousands of hens slowly and painfully starving to death as a result of this trauma. To shock the birds' systems further, they are kept in total darkness for weeks on end. Forced molting is so cruel that, in 1987, it was banned in Great Britain, and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours. Yet, in North America, no laws protect these poor birds, and as I was reading this article, more than 6 million hens are being force-molted.. won't you consider stopping this pain and suffering for those who have no voice of their own? I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). Thank you for your time and attention regarding this most serious matter concerning animals.

Sincerely,



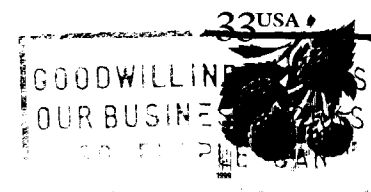
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